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REENTRY: A HOUSING PROVIDERS GUIDE



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WHY RENT TO PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL HISTORIES?

By providing housing to people with criminal histories you are contributing to public safety by helping them stabilize. This will also prevent future incarceration of this person or victimization of his/her children.

WHAT ARE SOME BENEFITS TO RENTING TO A PERSON WITH A CRIMINAL HISTORY?

Often people with criminal histories are supervised by the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) or Community Corrections. This supervision will be in place to help you with any possible problems that occur with this tenant.

In some instances voucher funds are available from KDOC (in the parole director's discretion) to help the tenant with rent until he or she secures stable employment.

Offenders throughout the state of Kansas are receiving training on how to be a good and responsible tenant.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM CORRECTIONS?

Criminal history information is available to you at no cost through KDOC's website <http://docnet.dc.state.ks.us/kasper2/default.asp>. You will be provided with referral information from KDOC that will assist you to make safe placements. This information will include rehabilitation efforts by the applicant, training the applicant has completed, and information about the applicant's area of risk which are being addressed through case planning.

The Kansas Department of Corrections will also provide support to the landlord for any issues that the tenant may have throughout the time that the tenant is on parole. This support will include random home visits by the parole officer, and the parole officer being available to confer with the landlord if problems arise. Also, in certain locations there are Housing Specialist to assist you with any issues.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM SOMEONE THAT IS ON PAROLE?

The parolee must obey all federal and state laws, municipal or county ordinances.

They cannot:

- Possess or constructively possess any firearms, ammunition or explosive device, any device designed to expel or hurl a projectile capable of causing injury to persons or property, or any weapon prohibited by law.
- Engage in assaultive activities, violence, or threats of violence of any kind.
- Possess, use, or traffic any controlled substances.
- Associate with persons actively engaged in illegal activity.

Also, many sex offenders are supervised by specialty parole officers, who closely monitor their activity using polygraphs, GPS tracking, and surveillance in appropriate cases.